

Approved For Release 2003/08/27 : CIA-RDP78-04718A000400140036-5

~~SECRET~~~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director of Central Intelligence

25 March 1949

Executive

External Research Program

1. The attached papers indicate considerable divergence of opinion among the Assistant Directors in connection with the implementation of this program, including an indication from both OO and OCD of some concern relative to the participation of the Department of State.

2. ORE has stated in paragraph 3 of its memo of 24 March that it plans to convene a meeting of interested Assistant Directors and a Department of State representative to discuss certain recommendations which it has made, and related problems.

3. Recommend —

a. That ICAPS be brought into this matter from the standpoint of interdepartmental coordination and the possibility of extending interdepartmental participation beyond the Department of State to the Armed Services.

b. That the initial meeting to discuss internal programs be confined to the Assistant Directors concerned without Department of State participation in order to avoid airing internal dissensions in the presence of an outside individual.

c. That the results of the Assistant Directors' conference be reported to and acted upon by the Director prior to going further with this matter.

d. That ICAPS act as coordinator in the further development of this program, both in its internal and external implications.

Captain, USN

25X1A9A

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Approved For Release 2003/08/27 : CIA-RDP78-04718A000400140036-5

~~SECRET~~